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Please address reply to the
Genetics Building

July 14, 1957

Dr. Ronald E. Scantlebury
Division of Research Fellowships
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear Dr. Scantlebury:

The recently established Department of Medical Genetics is contemplating the expansion of its research activities by adding another member to its staff. The candidate is being reviewed at the present time for his qualifications for the academic rank of Associate Professor, and Dean Bowers has offered informal assurances that he could in due course be paid from regular institutional funds.

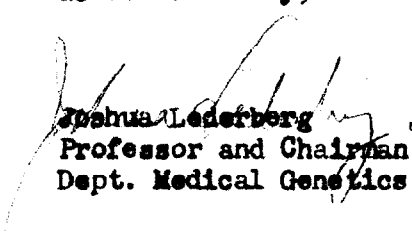
Unfortunately, the university's budget for this year will not be able to accommodate the candidate's appointment. I am writing to ask whether the Senior Research Fellowships program is available for such purposes, namely for the partial or complete support of a research appointee, over a period of a few years with the understanding that he would be shifted to institutional funds. We are planning to submit a similar application to another source, but have not yet done so.

May I ask also whether such an application can be submitted by the medical school on behalf of the candidate (to be named, of course) so that our formal approach to him can be made on the basis of funds then available (if awarded) rather than to be applied for?

If there are no policy objections to an application in this form, I would appreciate your sending any necessary application forms, or other directions, so that we may return full particulars.

As I am leaving for an extended trip on August 1, I would be especially grateful for an early reply.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg
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Dept. Medical Genetics